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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 October 2001.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claims 1-5, 8, 10-15, 18, 20-24, 27, 29-33 and 36 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Schelte-Kellinghaus (US006510322B1).

Regarding claim 1, Schelte-Kellinghaus discloses a switching center that enables the subscriber of the mobile cellular network to reserve communication capacity in a specific area and within a specific time frame (see column 2, lines 59-62), which reads on the claimed "method for allocating air interface resources for a user in a wireless communication system". A request checking unit 20 shown in figure 2 is adapted to check the admissibility of a request submitted to the switching center 10 by scanning all cells being affected by the submitted and compares the requested communication capacity with the available communication capacity over the period of time specified in the request (see column 5, lines 57-63) and the request includes a request for a communication bandwidth (see column 8, lines 40-50), which reads on the claimed "evaluating at least one received air interface resource reservation parameter associated with the user, to determine whether a bandwidth of an air interface resource

is available for the user at a defined future time". After the subscriber submits a request for a communication bandwidth at a time $T(\text{request})$ and the switching center 10 either rejects or confirms this request at a time $T(\text{answer})$ (see column 8, lines 40-43), which reads on the claimed "generating an air interface resource reservation response for the user in response to the evaluated received air interface resource reservation parameter".

Regarding claim 11, Schelte-Kellinghaus discloses a switching center that enables the subscriber of the mobile cellular network to reserve communication capacity in a specific area and within a specific time frame (see column 2, lines 59-62), which reads on the claimed "method for allocating air interface resources for a user in a wireless communication system". A request checking unit 20 shown in figure 2 is adapted to check the admissibility of a request submitted to the switching center 10 by scanning all cells being affected by the submitted and compares the requested communication capacity with the available communication capacity over the period of time specified in the request (see column 5, lines 57-63) and the request is for a communication bandwidth (see column 8, lines 40-50). The submitted request must first be generated and reads on the claimed "generating an air interface resource reservation parameter associated with the user, for use in determining whether a bandwidth of an air interface resource is available for the user at a defined future time". After the subscriber submits a request for a communication bandwidth at a time $T(\text{request})$ and the switching center 10 either rejects or confirms this request at a time $T(\text{answer})$ (see column 8, lines 40-43). A rejection or confirmation notification is sent to

the MS (see column 12, lines 33-64). Since the notification is generated, it follows that it is evaluated, which reads on the claimed "evaluating an air interface resource reservation response that was generated in response to the air interface resource reservation parameter, to determine availability of the bandwidth".

Regarding claim 20, Schelte-Kellinghaus discloses a switching center that enables the subscriber of the mobile cellular network to reserve communication capacity in a specific area and within a specific time frame (see column 2, lines 59-62), which reads on the claimed "wireless network element comprising a RF transceiver". A request checking unit 20 shown in figure 2, which reads on the claimed "air interface resource reservation processor", is adapted to check the admissibility of a request submitted to the switching center 10 by scanning all cells being affected by the submitted and compares the requested communication capacity with the available communication capacity over the period of time specified in the request (see column 5, lines 57-63) and the request is for a communication bandwidth (see column 8, lines 40-50), which reads on the claimed "evaluate at least one received air interface resource reservation parameter associated with the user, to determine whether a bandwidth of an air interface resource is available for the user at a defined future time". After the subscriber submits a request for a communication bandwidth at a time $T(\text{request})$ and the switching center 10 either rejects or confirms this request at a time $T(\text{answer})$ (see column 8, lines 40-43). A rejection or confirmation notification is sent to the MS (see column 12, lines 33-64), which reads on the claimed "generate an air interface resource

reservation response to the RF transceiver, in response to the evaluated received air interface resource reservation parameter”.

Regarding claim 29, Schelte-Kellinghaus discloses a switching center that enables the subscriber of the mobile cellular network to reserve communication capacity in a specific area and within a specific time frame (see column 2, lines 59-62). A request checking unit 20 shown in figure 2 is adapted to check the admissibility of a request submitted to the switching center 10 by scanning all cells being affected by the submitted and compares the requested communication capacity with the available communication capacity over the period of time specified in the request (see column 5, lines 57-63) and the request is for a communication bandwidth (see column 8, lines 40-50). The request is submitted by the subscriber (see figure 7), which reads on the claimed “processing device...operative to output an air interface resource reservation parameter associated with the remote wireless unit, to determine if a bandwidth of an air interface resource is available for the remote wireless unit at a defined future time”. After the subscriber submits a request for a communication bandwidth at a time $T(\text{request})$ and the switching center 10 either rejects or confirms this request at a time $T(\text{answer})$ (see column 8, lines 40-43). A rejection or confirmation notification is sent to the MS (see column 12, lines 33-64). It follows that the subscriber evaluates the response or there would be no need for generating it, which reads on the claimed “evaluate an air interface resource reservation response that was generated in response to the air interface resource reservation parameter, to determine availability of bandwidth”.

Regarding claims 2, 12, 21 and 30, Schelte-Kellinghaus discloses that the switching center 10 can first analyze the submitted request at least including the information reservation start time $t(s)$, reservation end time $t(e)$, requested communication capacity, and information about the area where communication capacity is to be reserved (see column 9, lines 3-11), which reads on the claimed "air interface resource reservation parameter includes at least one of: a position of a communication unit associated with the user, a time of day, a date, a desired bit rate for the defined future time...".

Regarding claims 3, 13, 22 and 31, Schelte-Kellinghaus discloses that the request is for a communication bandwidth (see column 8, lines 40-50), which reads on the claimed "air interface reservation resource request to reserve the bandwidth".

Regarding claims 4, 14, 23 and 32 Schelte-Kellinghaus discloses a system with a request checking unit 20 shown in figure 2 is adapted to check the admissibility of a request submitted to the switching center 10 by scanning all cells being affected by the submitted and compares the requested communication capacity with the available communication capacity over the period of time specified in the request (see column 5, lines 57-63). After the subscriber submits a request for a communication bandwidth at a time $T(\text{request})$ and the switching center 10 either rejects or confirms this request at a time $T(\text{answer})$ (see column 8, lines 40-43). If the request is rejected, it would follow that a user may make another request for a different bandwidth or at a different time, which reads on the claimed "negotiating with the user to determine alternative air interface resource requirements based on demands for air interface resources".

Regarding claims 5, 15, 24 and 33, Schelte-Kellinghaus discloses that if the resources are available, the requested communication capacity will be confirmed via a USSD-notification to the dialogue-initiating mobile station MS (see column 12, lines 30-44), which reads on the claimed "air interface resource reservation response includes confirmation data indicating that the bandwidth will be available for the user at the defined future time".

Regarding claims 8 and 27, Schelte-Kellinghaus discloses that the request checking unit checks the admissibility of a request submitted to the switching center by scanning all cells being affected by the submitted request and compares the requested communication capacity with the available communication capacity over the period of time specified in the request (see column 5, lines 56-63), and the request is either accepted if capacity is available over the specified time or rejected if not (see column 6, lines 21-45), which reads on the claimed "determining the defined time based on the air interface resource reservation parameter and based on air interface resource usage data". Furthermore, the operator can specify maximum and minimum time periods within a cell for a specific day or time (see column 11, lines 30-38).

Regarding claim 10, Schelte-Kellinghaus discloses in one embodiment that the mobile station actual/current position and /or cell is permanently monitored (see column 7, lines 23-37), which reads on the claimed "locating the user an agreed reservation time approaches".

Regarding claim 18, Schelte-Kellinghaus discloses that the request checking unit checks the admissibility of a request submitted to the switching center by scanning all cells being affected by the submitted request and compares the requested communication capacity with the available communication capacity over the period of time specified in the request (see column 5, lines 56-63). The time period is specified in the request, which reads on the claimed "transmitting the desired time as an air interface reservation parameter".

Regarding claim 36, Schelte-Kellinghaus discloses that the request checking unit checks the admissibility of a request submitted to the switching center by scanning all cells being affected by the submitted request and compares the requested communication capacity with the available communication capacity over the period of time specified in the request (see column 5, lines 56-63). The time period is specified in the request, which reads on the claimed "the processing device provides the defined time as an air interface resource reservation parameter".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

The factual inquiries set forth in *Graham v. John Deere Co.*, 383 U.S. 1, 148 USPQ 459 (1966), that are applied for establishing a background for determining obviousness under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) are summarized as follows:

1. Determining the scope and contents of the prior art.
2. Ascertaining the differences between the prior art and the claims at issue.
3. Resolving the level of ordinary skill in the pertinent art.
4. Considering objective evidence present in the application indicating obviousness or nonobviousness.

Claims 6-10, 17, 19, 26, 28, 35 and 37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schelte-Kellinghaus in view of Shaheen et al (US006374109B1).

Regarding claim 7, 17, 26 and 35, Schelte-Kellinghaus fails to disclose a broadcast message with resource usage information.

Shaheen et al discloses a wireless communication system including broadcast message units to broadcast messages within the service area relating to the manner in which the subscribing units operate within the service area (see column 5, lines 14-22). These broadcast messages may include frequency band information, channel information, protocol information and such other information as is helpful in managing communications within the service area and the subscriber units receive the broadcast messages and, based upon the broadcast messages, determine in which channels and according to which protocols to operate (see column 6, lines 1-34).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Schelte-Kellinghaus with Shaheen et al to include the above broadcast messages in order to provide a wireless communication system that

efficiently causes subscribing units to operate among the various available frequency bands and protocols as suggested by Shaheen et al (see column 2, lines 62-67).

Regarding claims 9, 19, 28 and 37, the combination of Schelte-Kellinghaus and Shaheen et al discloses that the broadcast messages may include information describing the capacity and capabilities of neighboring base stations, traffic on the broadcasting base station, traffic on neighboring base stations and various other types of information (see Shaheen et al column 6, lines 15-24).

Claims 6, 16, 25 and 34 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Schelte-Kellinghaus in view of Linneweh, Jr. et al (US005862485A).

Regarding claims 6, 16, 25 and 34, Schelte-Kellinghaus suggests that the invention may easily adapt to fit other standards (see column 13, lines 1-7).

Linneweh, Jr. et al discloses a system that reserves communication resources for a communication unit (see column 2, lines 34-58) that specifically may be used with a CDMA system (see column 2, line 67 – column 3, line 15).

It would have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention to modify Schelte-Kellinghaus with Linneweh, Jr. et al to include the above use with a CDMA system in order to enhance the versatility of the system by providing more compatibility.

Conclusion

The prior art made of record and not relied upon is considered pertinent to applicant's disclosure:

Gorsuch et al (US006526281B1) discloses dynamic bandwidth allocation to transmit a wireless protocol access a code division multiple access (CDMA) radio link.

Park et al (US006188910B1) discloses a method for connecting mobile stations to base station in radio communication system.

Koorapaty et al (US006628945B1) discloses an apparatus and methods for high-penetration random access in wireless communications systems.

Woxberg et al (US 20030050068A1) discloses advance resource allocations for association state transmissions for wireless LAN system.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Bryan J Fox whose telephone number is (703) 305-8994. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Marsha Banks-Harold can be reached on (703) 305-4379. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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